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SUBJ: INDONESIAN GATT COMPLIANCE

REF: GENEVA 7006

1. IN CONVERSATION 30 DECEMBER EMBOFF OBTAINED FROM TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS FIRST INDICATION SO FAR THAT GOI IS INDEED COMING TO GRIPS WITH GATT COMPLIANCE PROBLEM. DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL TRADE SOEMARDI REKSOPUTRANTO CONFIRMED REPORT REFTEL THAT GOI PREFERENCES NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD IN JAKARTA.

2. SOEMARDI COMMENTED THAT INDONESIA COULD CONTEST SOME (AT LEAST) OF NONCOMPLIANCE ALLEGATIONS BY SHOWING THAT AVERAGE LEVY AGAINST SEVERAL CATEGORIES INTO WHICH BOUND ITEMS HAD BEEN BROKEN DOWN WOULD NOT EXCEED BINDINGS. EXAMPLE HE CITED WAS THAT OF EQUIPMENT AND FITTINGS FOR HOTELS TO BE BUILT ELSEWHERE THAN IN JAKARTA AND ISLAND OF BALI, ALL

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OF WHICH ENTER FREE OF DUTY.

3. COMMENT: SOEMARDI'S COMMENTS SEEMED TO REFLECT IMPRESSION WE DO NOT SHARE THAT ALLEGATIONS OF NON-COMPLIANCE AROSE WITH INTRODUCTION OF BTN IN INDONESIA, RESULTING IN MANY NEW CUSTOMS CATEGORIES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH FURNISH BACKGROUND ON US INTERESTS INVOLVED THESE NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED EXPLOIT FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY ARISE TO EXPLORE THIS SUBJECT.

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